

## **REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Applicant's amendments to the claims filed 3/14/08 have overcome the rejections in view of Bruck (US 6,040,064), Lebold (US 5,482,686) and Ota (US 5,486,338).

Specifically, the added limitation which defines the inner and outer sleeves as a sheet metal foil overcomes the rejection based on Lebold and there is no teaching or suggestion in the prior art to implement the sheet metal foils of the instant invention into the structure of Lebold.

Furthermore, the newly added limitation which further defines the structural relationship between the structures located on the inner and outer sleeves by claiming the presence of "contact" between the two structures overcomes the rejections based on Bruck and Ota and there is nothing in the prior art that teaches or suggests modifying the structures of Bruck and Ota to incorporate contact between the structures.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

2. Claims 1-3 and 5-20 are directed to an allowable product. Pursuant to the procedures set forth in MPEP § 821.04(B), claims 21-32, directed to the process of making or using an allowable product, previously withdrawn from consideration as a result of a restriction requirement, are hereby rejoined and fully examined for patentability under 37 CFR 1.104.

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Because all claims previously withdrawn from consideration under 37 CFR 1.142 have been rejoined, **the restriction requirement as set forth in the Office action mailed on 4/13/07 is hereby withdrawn.** In view of the withdrawal of the restriction requirement as to the rejoined inventions, applicant(s) are advised that if any claim presented in a continuation or divisional application is anticipated by, or includes all the limitations of, a claim that is allowable in the present application, such claim may be subject to provisional statutory and/or nonstatutory double patenting rejections over the claims of the instant application. Once the restriction requirement is withdrawn, the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 121 are no longer applicable. See *In re Ziegler*, 443 F.2d 1211, 1215, 170 USPQ 129, 131-32 (CCPA 1971). See also MPEP § 804.01.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MATTHEW J. MERKLING whose telephone number is (571)272-9813. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Alexa Neckel can be reached on (571) 272-1446. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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